

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi was first elected to the
3 House of Representatives in 1964, and he served in that
4 position until his passing in 1993; and

5 WHEREAS, From his first term through his service as "Dean
6 of the House", Zeke Giorgi served the people of this State
7 with great distinction, and he is remembered by his
8 colleagues on both sides of the aisle for providing
9 invaluable guidance and leadership on many important issues;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, During all the years that Zeke Giorgi served in
12 the House, he drove between Springfield and his Rockford
13 legislative district on U.S. Highway 51 and was a strong
14 advocate for Route 51 improvements, which were completed in
15 several stages; and

16 WHEREAS, Following the completion of improvements to U.S.
17 Route 51, the highway was designated as Interstate Highway
18 39; and

19 WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 39 provides an essential
20 transportation corridor between Rockford and Bloomington and
21 other parts of Central Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, We wish to permanently commemorate Zeke Giorgi's
23 essential role in creating this critically needed highway and
24 his abiding impact on the lives of the people of Illinois;
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
28 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the portion of Interstate
29 Highway 39 commencing at its point of origin in Winnebago
30 County and ending with its intersection with Interstate Route
31 88 be designated the E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi Highway; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is
3 requested to erect appropriate plaques or signs giving notice
4 of the E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi Highway; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution is
6 presented to: the Secretary of the U.S. Department of
7 Transportation; the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
8 Transportation; and the family of E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi.